out of these 8 taluks are practically settled and the new tax will be collected this year.

iii. 6 taluks in the Kottayam Division remained to be taken up.

The olugu form work in these taluks which had been entrusted to the Revenue department not having been done completely or satisfactorily, orders have recently been issued for the balance of this work being taken over by the Settlement department, in view to avoid further delay in the commencement of settlement operations. Parur and Todupuzha having been taken up in 1081, the remaining Taluks of Minachil, Alangad, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha have been taken up this year. As these taluks have been taken up a year later than was anticipated, a revision of the forecast has become necessary and is under consideration.

6. **Legislation.**—One Regulation was passed during the year to provide for the prevention of glanders and farcy among horses. This was passed under the emergency clause of the Legislative Council Regulation and was in force for only six months.

The following Bills were introduced during the year :—

(1) To consolidate and amend the law relating to the Civil Courts in Travancore. The principle of the Bill not being affirmed by the Council when the same was discussed, the Bill was thrown out.

(2) To amend the High Court Regulation I of 1067.

(3) To amend the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation III of 1076.

(4) Steam-Boilers and Prime-Movers Bill.

7. **Police.**—The strength of the force was 1,729. The proportion of policemen to area and population was 1 to 5·007 square miles and 1 to 2,084 of the population respectively. 4,734 cases were reported, of which 1,912 were referred as false. The number of cases charged was 2,757. The percentage of convictions in respect of cases rose from 83·7 to 87·01 and in respect of persons from 69·5 to 74·5.

8. **Judicial Department.**—*Criminal Justice.*—The number of Civil Courts remained the same as in the year preceding *viz.*, 28. But the number of Courts exercising criminal jurisdiction was 63

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against 65 last year. The number of offences reported was 18,926 against 19,572 last year. There was decline in offences both under the Penal Code and under special and local laws. 1,470 appeals were preferred to the District Magistrate. 144 cases affecting 258 persons were tried and disposed of by the Sessions Courts. The number of appeals preferred to the Sessions Courts was 263.

Civil Justice.—The extent of original and appellate litigation showed a decided increase, the original institutions aggregating 44,512 against 40,313 and the appellate institutions aggregating 47,418 against 43,258. The disposals of original suits in the Munsiffs' Courts exceeded those of the previous year by 4,128 and formed 81·26 per cent. of the total number for disposal as compared with 80·69 per cent. in the previous year. The disposals of original suits in the District Courts exceeded those of the previous year by 59, while those of appeals fell short of the institutions by 439 and formed 47·36 per cent. of the number for disposal against 55·28 per cent. in 1080. With a view to improve the tone and status of the bar, the rules regarding enrolment of High Court Vakils were revised so as to admit of Barristers-at-Law, attorneys of the British Indian High Courts and Graduates-in-Law alone being declared eligible for enrolment hereafter.

9. **Jails.**—The number of admissions to the Central Prison, Trivandrum, was 568. There were 26 deaths in the Prison Hospital. The death-rate was 3·42. This relatively high mortality is engaging the attention of Government. 7 prisoners were released on medical grounds, the number released last year being 2. One case of escape occurred during the year but it was followed by immediate capture. The new prison cells were completed and occupied at the beginning of the year. Extramural labour, except under special circumstances and on rare occasions, was abolished. The net profit from the jail manufactory during the year amounted to Rs. 9,552-13 chs.-3 cash, showing an increase of Rs. 804 over that of the previous year.

10. **Registration.**—The number of registration offices remained the same as during the last year *viz.*, 51. The number of documents presented for registration was 1,98,665 or 11,962 documents in excess of those presented during the last year. 96·9 per cent. of the documents registered related to immovable property. The number of wills registered was 217.

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